MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) An estimate has been sanctioned for the improvement of the road and it is awaiting execution for want of funds.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) : In view of the fact that this particular road has been in a hopelessly neglected condition for such a long time, may I know whether the Government will divert the necessary amount and execute the work immediately ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : That question will be considered.

Construction of a dam at Koratumoola.

151. ✻**MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil II*) : With reference to the answer to question No. 15, No 2, Vol. III of the Proceedings of the Travancore Sri Mulam Assembly, dated the 27th July 1934, *re* construction of a dam at Koratttmoola, Kavalayoor, Chirayinkil taluk, will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received the report, referred to in that answer, from the Division Officer, Irrigation Division ; and

(*b*) whether the Chief Engineer or the Irrigation Engineer has inspected the place ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) and (*b*) No.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*) : May I know the reason why the submission of the report has been delayed so long ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : The Chief Engineer has urgently called for the report of the Sub-Division Officer. It has not yet been received.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*) : May I know the date on which the Chief Engineer called for the report ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : The exact date is not now before me.

MR S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*) : Are the Government aware that the paddy fields near by were flooded and were damaged by floods during 1108 and 1109 ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

Venkulom Railway Station.

152. ✻**MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil II*) : With reference to the answer to question No. 344, No. 12, Vol. II of the Proceedings of the Travancore Sri Mulam Assembly, dated the 28th May 1934, regarding Venkulom Railway Station, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received the estimate from the South Indian Railway Company ; and

(*b*) whether they have finally fixed the site for locating the station ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

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MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know whether provision has been made in the budget for the construction of the Railway Station?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Damage to punja cultivation in Triperuntura.

153. *MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the action taken by the Government on the representation made by me to the Dewan on 14-8-1109 regarding the damages sustained by the owners and cultivators of *punja* lands in the Triperuntura *pakuthi*; and

(*b*) whether a copy of that representation has been forwarded to the Executive Engineer in charge of the Irrigation Works for prompt action to repair and construct the irrigation channels in the *punja* lands?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) A report called for from the Chief Engineer on the subject is under the consideration of Government.

(*b*) Yes.

Vilakkittala Nairs and Veluttedattu Nairs in service.

154. *MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Vilakkittala Nairs and the Veluttedattu Nairs are included in the category of communities which are poorly represented in the public service; and

(*b*) whether these communities are denied their shares in recruitment by officers who have the power of appointment?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) & (*b*). The member is referred to G. O. Dis. 893/Genl., dated the 25th June 1935, regarding recruitment to Public Service, wherein the classification of communities recognised by Government for purposes of such recruitment is given.

Veluthedathu and Vilakkittala Nairs.

155. *MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Veluthedathu Nair (Washerman) community and the Vilakkittala Nair (Barber) community are included in the group of "Other Hindus" in the Order dated 25th June 1935 regarding recruitment to Public Services; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, the particular group in which they are placed and the reason for the same?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) This does not arise.

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